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WELCOME TO THE SONIC UNIVERSE - A UNIVERSE UNIQUE AND BEYOND WHAT YOU KNOW FROM THE SEGA GAMES, WHERE ONE LONE FREEDOM FIGHTER IS ON A QUEST FOR POWER, NO MATTER WHAT SHE MUST SACRIFICE ALONG THE WAY...

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After a harrowing escape from Sand Blast City, Bunnie D'Coolette and her fellow Dark Egg Legionnaires continue their journey to the Dragon Kingdom to deliver a lucrative shipment of oil. Unfortunately, only now does the true foolishness of her actions become known to her. Was her departure from New Mobotropolis really one of heroic self-sacrifice to prevent further tragedies, or simply a petulant denial of reality? Either way, the time for contemplation is not nigh, as they aren't the only new arrivals in the area. **And while Bunnie still searches for how to reclaim what she lost, this other interloper already has his sights on retaking what was his by force, and isn't letting anyone tell him otherwise...**

BUNNIE
EMBITTERED WARRIOR

MONKEY KHAN
CYBERNETIC SIMIAN

CONQUERING STORM
LEGIONNAIRE KUNOICHI

JUN KUN
DISGRACED TYRANT

Power Struggle Part 3: Fully Juiced

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POWER STRUGGLE
Part Three: FULLY JUICED
SO THIS IS THE IRON FORTRESS, HUH? WHAT A SIGHT.
IT'S TIMES LIKE THIS AH'M ASKIN' MAHSELF HOW AH GOT HERE...
...EVEN IF AH ALREADY KNOW. AH'VE BEEN LEGIONIZED, CAPTURED BY JACK AN' HIS THUGS, ESCAPED THROUGH A SKETCHY TRADE DEAL, AN' NOW AH'M SHIPPIN' OIL FOR THE D.E.L..*
*SUO #51 & 52
ANTOINE... SALLY... EVERYONE, LEND ME THE STRENGTH... AH MISS Y'ALL.
WE'RE HERE! COMPANY, HALT!

WELCOME, FELLOW LEGIONNAIRES. I AM MEIFENG. PLEASE DISEMBARK FROM YOUR VEHICLES.
THE RAIJU CLAN WILL TRANSPORT THE OIL FROM HERE AND RETURN THE SAUCERS TO YOU PROMPTLY.
IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE COME INSIDE, EVERYONE. THE WEATHER IS DREADFUL.
...SOMETHIN' THE MATTER, MA'AM?
IT'S COLD, AND IT'S GOING TO BE WET.
I JUST HOPE WE'RE NOT FLYING WHEN THAT HAPPENS.

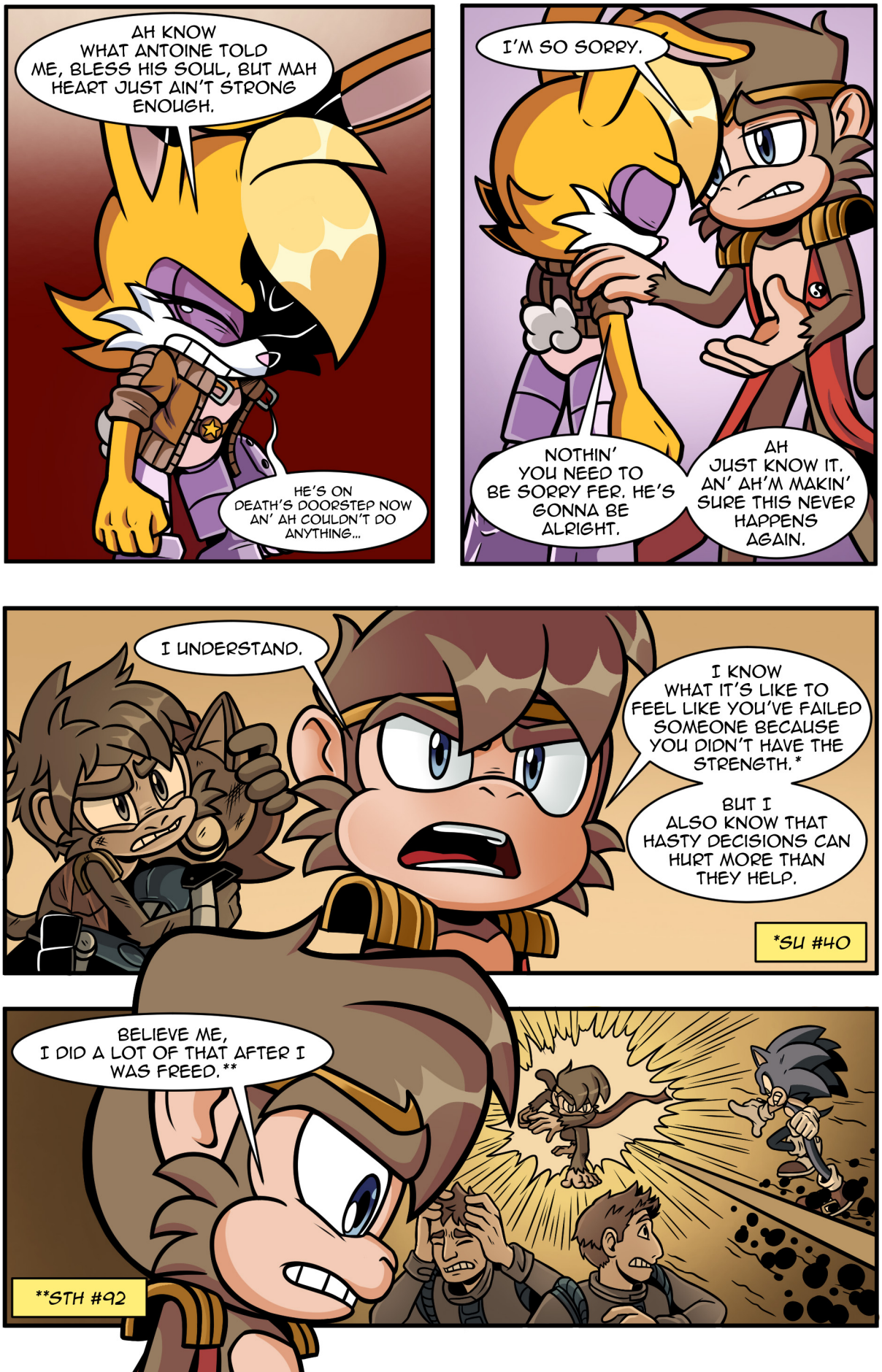
WELCOME, LEGIONNAIRES.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR SWIFTNESS IN COMING HERE AND WILL WORK TO SEND YOU ON YOUR WAY JUST AS QUICKLY...
I MUST SAY, I'M SURPRISED TO SEE A NEW MOBOTROPOLIS FREEDOM FIGHTER AMONGST THESE RANKS.
BUNNIE D'COOLETTE, CORRECT? I'VE READ ABOUT YOU ON THE EGGNET.
YOU BETRAY YOUR ALLIES *SO* EASILY.
MAH FAMILY COMES FIRST, GRANDMASTER.
AH'M LOYAL TO MAH UNCLE BEAUREGARD, AN' IF HIS INTEREST LIES WITH THE LEGION, SO DOES MINE.
WITH MAH LEAVIN' OUTTA THE BLUE LIKE THAT... IT DOES LOOK THAT WAY, DON'T IT?
KEEP IT TOGETHER, BUNNIE!

I CAN SEE THE FAMILY RESEMBLANCE.
ANYWAY, WHAT'S THE STORY WITH THE OIL?
THE DOCTOR WANTED TO PURSUE EXCAVATION OF THIS REGION FOLLOWING DISCOVERIES OF ARTIFACTS FROM THE DRAGON KINGDOM'S ANCIENT PAST.
HOWEVER, FOR THE MOMENT, IT'S GOING TO BE HELD IN CASE OF EMERGENCY ABOARD THE DEATH EGG.
EXCUSE ME, BUT, UH... MISS, DON'T ANY OF YOU GUYS HAVE ROBOT PARTS?
THAT IS SOMETHING I HAVE NO NEED TO ADDRESS.
BUT--
YOU REALLY THINK EGGMAN'LL LET THAT SLIDE?
YOU KEEP STONE-WALLIN' HIM LIKE THAT AN' HE'LL FIND SOMEONE WHO ***WILL.***
THE LOOK A' YER EYES TELLS ME YOU KNOW THAT ALREADY.

PLEASE EXCUSE ME, GRANDMASTER, BUT KEN KHAN HAS ARRIVED. HE WISHES TO SPEAK WITH YOU.
BRIDE OF THE CONQUERING STORM, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WHY ARE YOU GETTING OIL SHIPME--
--!
HEY, KHAN...
YOU WERE SAYING?
RIGHT. I WANT TO KNOW WHY THE RAIJU CLAN HAS RECEIVED AN OIL SHIPMENT.
IT'S NONE OF YOUR CONCERN. LEAVE US.
...VERY WELL.
BUT I'D LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO SPEAK TO MISS D'COOLETTE FIRST.

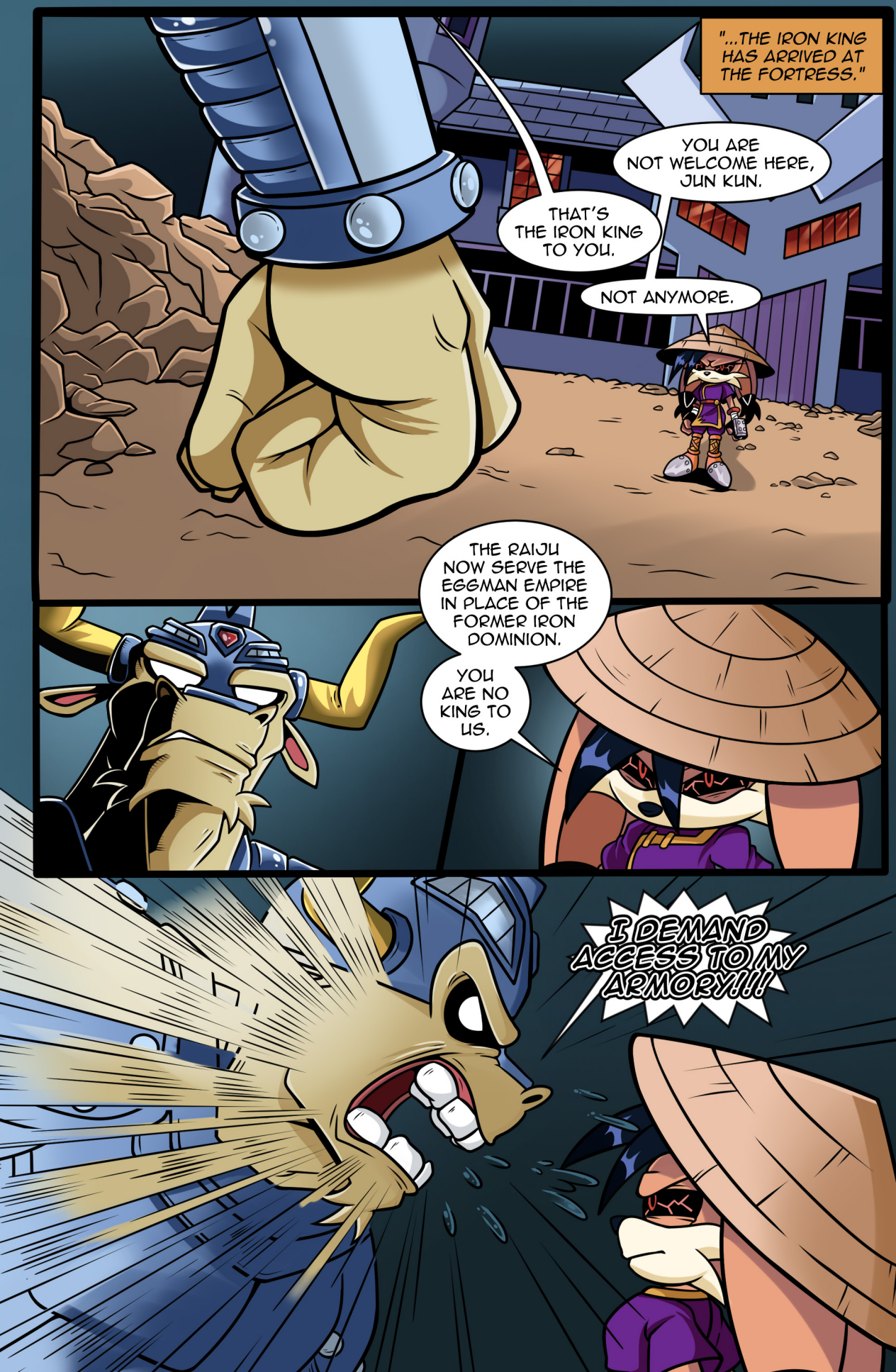
...FINE, BUT YOU DON'T LEAVE THIS ROOM.

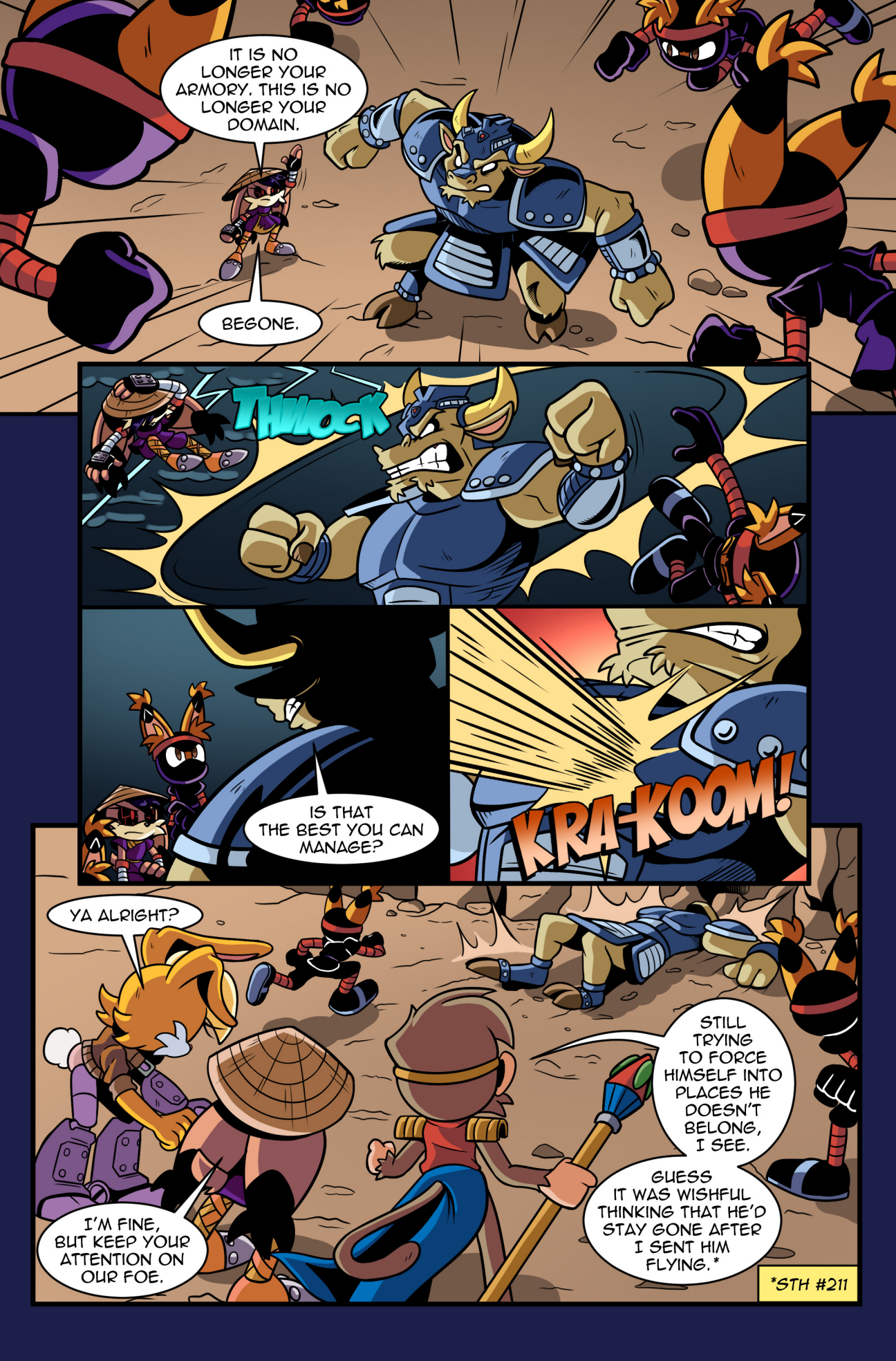
SO... IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HUH?
BUNNIE, I... NEVER EXPECTED I'D SEE YOU LIKE THIS.
SAME, BUT AH NEVER THOUGHT AH'D BE FLESH AN' BLOOD AGAIN EITHER...
YOU WERE DEROBOTICIZED?
LEAVE IT TO IXIS MAGICKS*, AH GUESS.
SO DID YOU GET ATTACKED AFTERWARDS, OR...
...
*STH #232
...YOU CHOSE THIS.
BUNNIE, WHAT HAPPENED?


AH KNOW WHAT ANTOINE TOLD ME, BLESS HIS SOUL, BUT MAH HEART JUST AIN'T STRONG ENOUGH.
HE'S ON DEATH'S DOORSTEP NOW AN' AH COULDN'T DO ANYTHING...
I'M SO SORRY.
NOTHIN' YOU NEED TO BE SORRY FER. HE'S GONNA BE ALRIGHT.
AH JUST KNOW IT. AN' AH'M MAKIN' SURE THIS NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN.
I UNDERSTAND.
I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO FEEL LIKE YOU'VE FAILED SOMEONE BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T HAVE THE STRENGTH.*
BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT HASTY DECISIONS CAN HURT MORE THAN THEY HELP.
*SU #40
BELIEVE ME, I DID A LOT OF THAT AFTER I WAS FREED.**
**STH #92

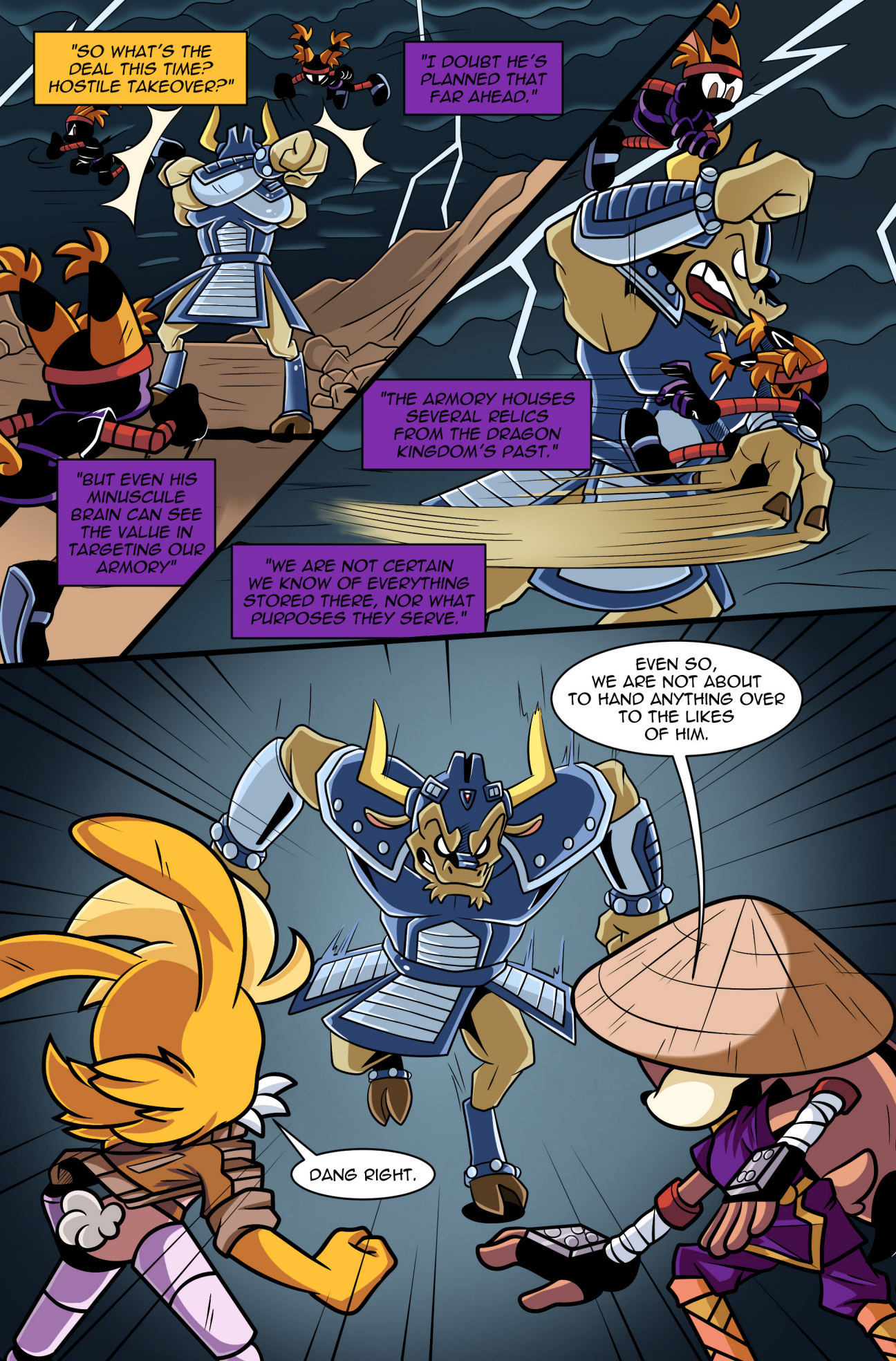
...
ERR...
YOU'RE BETTER OFF THAN YOU THINK, THOUGH! I WAS ON MY OWN WHEN ALL THAT HAPPENED, BUT YOU'RE NOT! A SINGLE ARROW IS EASILY BROKEN, BUT NOT TEN IN A BUNDLE -- STRENGTH IN NUMBERS, YOU KNOW?
YOU'VE GOT ALLIES. AND THAT'S GOT TO GO DOUBLE WITH FRIENDS, RIGHT...?
WOW, I DON'T THINK THIS EVEN PASSES AS ADVICE.
YER FINE, KHAN. AH THINK AH GET THE GIST.
THANKS.
ONE THING, THOUGH-- YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT'S GOIN' ON OVER THERE?

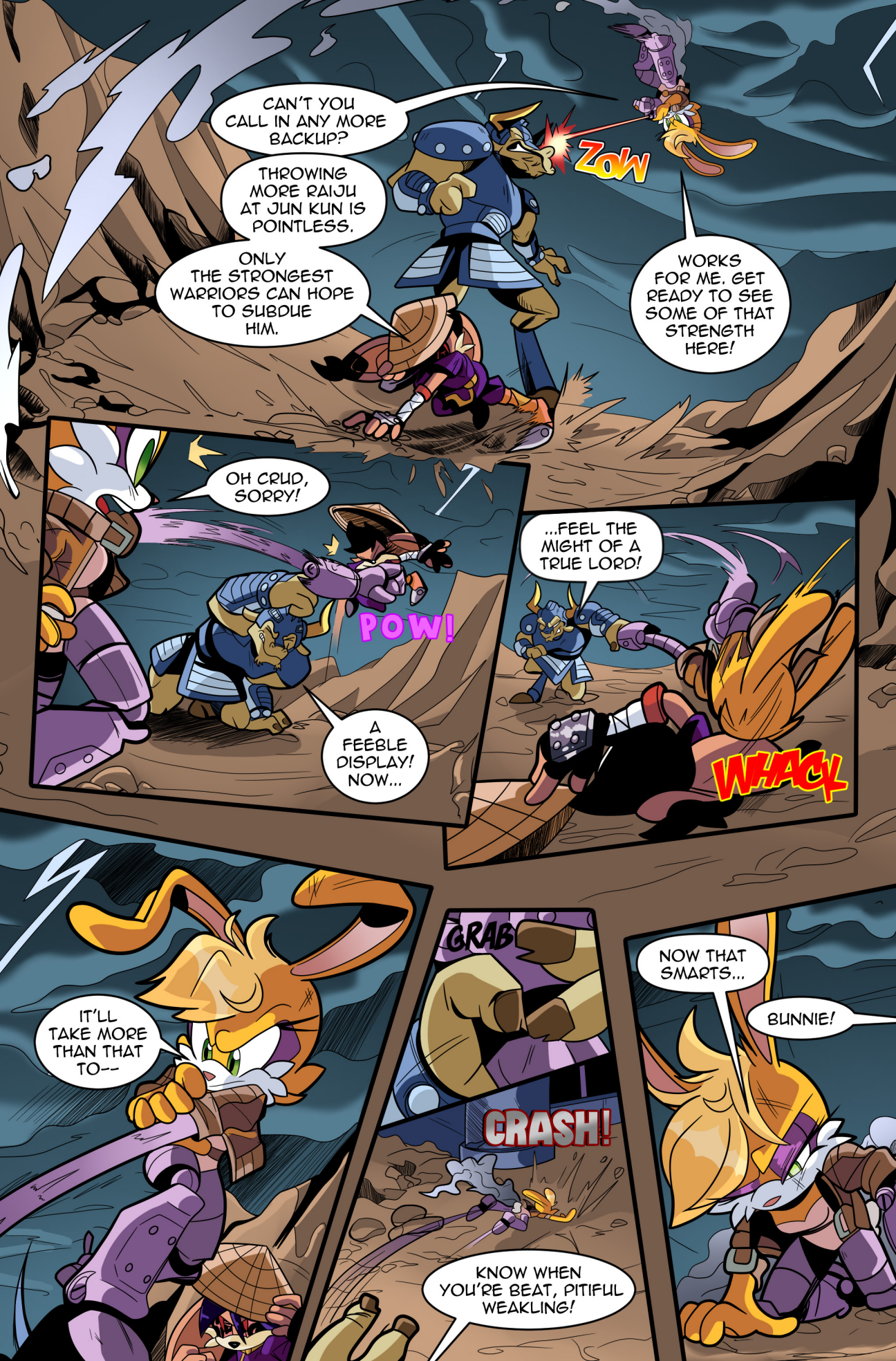
NOT A CLUE, BUT I DON'T LIKE IT.
SORRY TO INTERRUPT, MISS...
MEIFENG, SIR.
MEIFENG. COULD YOU EXPLAIN TO ME WHAT'S HAPPENING?
AS A FELLOW CITIZEN OF THE DRAGON KINGDOM, WHAT CONCERNS YOU CONCERNS ME.
...
AN' YOU AN' I ARE FELLOW LEGIONNAIRES, SO AH'LL HELP IF YOU NEED IT.
...THAT BEING SO...


"...THE IRON KING HAS ARRIVED AT THE FORTRESS."
YOU ARE NOT WELCOME HERE, JUN KUN.
THAT'S THE IRON KING TO YOU.
NOT ANYMORE.
THE RAIJU NOW SERVE THE EGGMAN EMPIRE IN PLACE OF THE FORMER IRON DOMINION.
YOU ARE NO KING TO US.
I DEMAND ACCESS TO MY ARMORY!!!


IT IS NO LONGER YOUR ARMORY. THIS IS NO LONGER YOUR DOMAIN.
BEGONE.
THWACK
IS THAT THE BEST YOU CAN MANAGE?
KRA-KOOM!
YA ALRIGHT?
I'M FINE, BUT KEEP YOUR ATTENTION ON OUR FOE.
STILL TRYING TO FORCE HIMSELF INTO PLACES HE DOESN'T BELONG, I SEE.
GUESS IT WAS WISHFUL THINKING THAT HE'D STAY GONE AFTER I SENT HIM FLYING.*
*STH #211

DO YOU HAVE A PLAN OF ATTACK?
YOU JUST SAW ITS RESULTS.
I'LL TAKE THAT AS A NO.
DO YOU HAVE THE FAN OF FEN XING?
WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME IF I DO?
YOU WON'T GET KILLED.
FAIR ENOUGH.
SO I DON'T HAVE IT ON ME, BUT I CAN GO GET IT FROM STORMTOP VILLAGE. IT'LL TAKE ME A BIT, THOUGH.
AH CAN HOLD HIM OFF 'TILL YOU GET BACK.
ALRIGHT!
AND BE CAREFUL, BUNNIE. DON'T TRY TO TAKE HIM ON BY YOURSELF!


"SO WHAT'S THE DEAL THIS TIME? HOSTILE TAKEOVER?"
"I DOUBT HE'S PLANNED THAT FAR AHEAD."
"THE ARMORY HOUSES SEVERAL RELICS FROM THE DRAGON KINGDOM'S PAST."
"BUT EVEN HIS MINUSCULE BRAIN CAN SEE THE VALUE IN TARGETING OUR ARMORY"
"WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WE KNOW OF EVERYTHING STORED THERE, NOR WHAT PURPOSES THEY SERVE."
EVEN SO, WE ARE NOT ABOUT TO HAND ANYTHING OVER TO THE LIKES OF HIM.
DANG RIGHT.


CAN'T YOU CALL IN ANY MORE BACKUP?
THROWING MORE RAIJU AT JUN KUN IS POINTLESS.
ONLY THE STRONGEST WARRIORS CAN HOPE TO SUBDUE HIM.
ZOW
WORKS FOR ME. GET READY TO SEE SOME OF THAT STRENGTH HERE!
OH CRUD, SORRY!
POW!
A FEEBLE DISPLAY! NOW...
...FEEL THE MIGHT OF A TRUE LORD!
WHACK
IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN THAT TO--
GRAB
CRASH!
KNOW WHEN YOU'RE BEAT, PITIFUL WEAKLING!
NOW THAT SMARTS...
BUNNIE!

WHAT ARE Y'ALL DOIN'?
HELP? Y'ALL SHOULD--
WE FIGURED SOMETHING SERIOUS WAS GOING DOWN.
HOW CAN WE HELP?
--STAY BACK!
AH'LL PROTECT Y'ALL, SO JUST KEEP YER DISTANCE!
WHO SAID WE NEEDED PROTECTING?
LEGIONNAIRES, ADVANCE!

ARE Y'ALL INSANE?!
NO MORE THAN YOU!
WE'RE A TEAM, SO WE'LL SINK OR SWIM TOGETHER!
GRANDMASTER, WE SHOULD COORDINATE OUR SQUADS!
MAYBE SO...

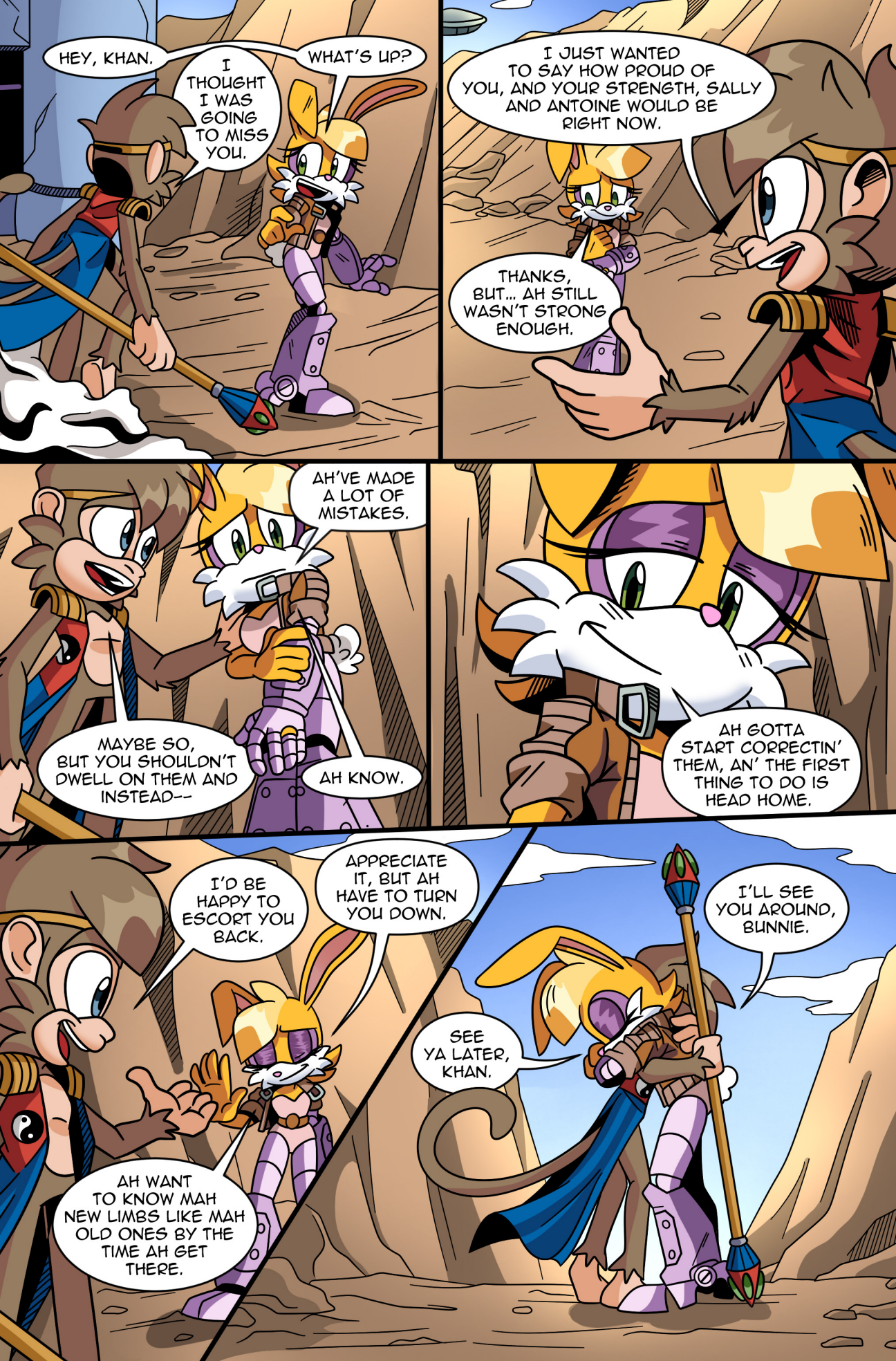
"TAKE CHARGE, WE'LL FOLLOW BY YOUR LEAD."
SCHWG
SMACK
ZAP
SMACK
OOF!
HAHAHAHA!
AUGH!
THIS AIN'T WORKIN'.
SLAM!
WE GOTTA FIND SOME WAY TO CONTAIN HIM.
CONTAIN *THAT?* NOT LIKELY.
...THE COIL GENERATORS.
WAIT, WHAT?
AN' HOW WOULD THAT WORK?
WE CAN SNARE HIM USING THE COIL GENERATORS YOU BROUGHT WITH THE OIL.*
LEAVE THAT TO ME. JUST HOLD HIM OFF UNTIL I SIGNAL YOU.
*SUO #52

ALL TOGETHER NOW, GUYS!
DON'T EVEN GIVE HIM AN INCH!
WOOSH
WWLSH
PATHETIC CREATURE!
HOW IS IT YOU THINK YOU HAVE THE STRENGTH TO DEFEAT SOMEONE AS POWERFUL AS I?
OH, AH DON'T.
NOT ON MAH OWN.
BUT WITH MAH FRIENDS, AH'M STRONG ENOUGH TO DO ANYTHING.

AND A LITTLE ROPE TO WRANGLE THIS BULL DOESN'T HURT, NEITHER!
WHAT DO YOU THINK--
?!
NGGH... I CAN'T... GET FREE...!
I...
I...
I WILL NEVER... NEVER GIVE IN...!
SO WHAT I'M HEARING IS THAT YOU'RE READY TO BE THROWN AGAIN?
YOU TAKE LESSONS IN DRAMATIC TIMING FROM SUGAH-HOG?
NAH, YOU'VE GOT ESPIO TO THANK FOR THAT ONE.

LATER, BENEATH THE DRAGON KINGDOM...
I KNOW MEASURES NEED TO BE TAKEN, BUT THIS IS INHUMANE.
IT IS NOT AS YOU THINK.
JUN KUN CANNOT BE KILLED BY SIMPLE FOOD AND OXYGEN DEPRIVATION. THIS IS BUT A PRISON, NOT A GRAVE.
HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?
THERE IS STILL MUCH FOR YOU TO LEARN ABOUT THIS KINGDOM AND ITS HISTORY.
I SHALL BE FREE AGAIN! WHEN THAT DAY COMES, I WILL FIND THE POWER TO BE BOUND NEVERMORE!

THANKS FOR GIVING US A PLACE TO STAY UNTIL THE STORM PASSED.
IT WAS THE LEAST WE COULD DO FOR YOUR AID EARLIER. PLEASE, TRAVEL SAFELY!
WE WILL.
D'COOLETTE, YOU COMING?
ABOUT THAT...
I'VE BEEN THINKIN' ABOUT NEW MOBOTROPOLIS, AN'...
YOU WANT TO GO HOME.
...YEAH, AH DO.
BEAU TOLD US ALL THAT THAT WAS A POSSIBILITY. IT'S ALRIGHT.
WE WERE GLAD TO HAVE YOU ALONG.
LET'S GET MOVING, PEOPLE!
GOOD LUCK, BUNNIE!
TAKE CARE OUT THERE!
A MOMENT, MISS D'COOLETTE?


HEY, KHAN.
I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO MISS YOU.
WHAT'S UP?
I JUST WANTED TO SAY HOW PROUD OF YOU, AND YOUR STRENGTH, SALLY AND ANTOINE WOULD BE RIGHT NOW.
THANKS, BUT... AH STILL WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH.
AH'VE MADE A LOT OF MISTAKES.
MAYBE SO, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T DWELL ON THEM AND INSTEAD--
AH KNOW.
AH GOTTA START CORRECTIN' THEM, AN' THE FIRST THING TO DO IS HEAD HOME.
I'D BE HAPPY TO ESCORT YOU BACK.
APPRECIATE IT, BUT AH HAVE TO TURN YOU DOWN.
AH WANT TO KNOW MAH NEW LIMBS LIKE MAH OLD ONES BY THE TIME AH GET THERE.
SEE YA LATER, KHAN.
I'LL SEE YOU AROUND, BUNNIE.

WITH HER HEAD HELD HIGH AND HEART HEALING, BUNNIE SETS OUT FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER ON HER JOURNEY. AND AS ONE STORY ENDS, ANOTHER BEGINS IN A WHOLE OTHER WORLD. WHAT TRANSDIMENSIONAL ADVENTURE LAYS IN WAIT? FIND OUT *NEXT TIME* IN *SONIC UNIVERSE ONLINE #54!*

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Thus concludes the first Sonic Universe Online story arc! We're so happy to have brought this story to you all and we appreciate the patience on your end since our first issue released! Hopefully it's been worth the wait! We've got a whole new story on the horizon for next issue with some familiar faces we know you've been waiting for! But before then, check out this exclusive interview with penciler for this issue – Darii!

GentlemanX: What was your first exposure to Archie Sonic?

Darii: Initially, I saw issue STH Online 248 in the group specializing in translations of Sonic comics into Russian. I was surprised by how many people can come unite for the sake of one common idea. It's really cool. But after that I didn't think about it. Imagine my surprise when, after some time, I receive a message on Twitter with an invitation to the team. What can I say? I agreed very quickly.

GX: What was it about Archie Sonic that got you interested in being part of Archie Sonic Online?

Darii: I like comics. I've been a Sonic fan since I was a kid. And I'm an artist. What else is needed? Of course I was also inspired by the general idea of continuing my favorite plot line from the old comics about the blue hedgehog. I love that the story continues to move forward in the hearts of the fans. And as it turned out, people here are really nice. Too bad I couldn't stay longer.

GX: This issue features Bunnie the Rabbot, members of the Great Desert Dark Egg Legion, and characters from the Dragon Kingdom. What do you think about the different attire of the characters in Archie Sonic and what

was it like drawing the variety in this story?

Darii: I thought about it when I was doing pencil work. I love Bunnie's new design! And I was glad when this issue turned out to be my first assignment. This girl is one of my favorites. And she deserves the best in life. I can also remember how the artists created the design of the secondary character. And when I saw the result, I couldn't wait to see it on actual comic panels.

GX: What challenges did you have while drawing the story in this issue? Any page or drawing you'd like to talk about?

Darii: It was my first time drawing characters in a fight. It was difficult, even though I already had a rough draft. But the more difficult, the more interesting!

GX: How has drawing for Archie Sonic Online been similar or different than how you normally draw for yourself?

Darii: My style is adapted to the franchise I'm drawing for. So I don't think my style is all that different and drawing Mobians are pretty easy for me.

GX: Is there anything you would do differently in drawing this story if you could go back?

Darii: Over time, I began to draw backgrounds much better. I would change them on my pencil work.

GX: With Bunnie on her way home and seeing new characters and status quos in this story, where would like to see the story go next from here? Anything you'd love to see drawn in a new way in the future?

Darii: All I want for Bunnie is the very best. It will be interesting for me to

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see what fate has prepared for her.

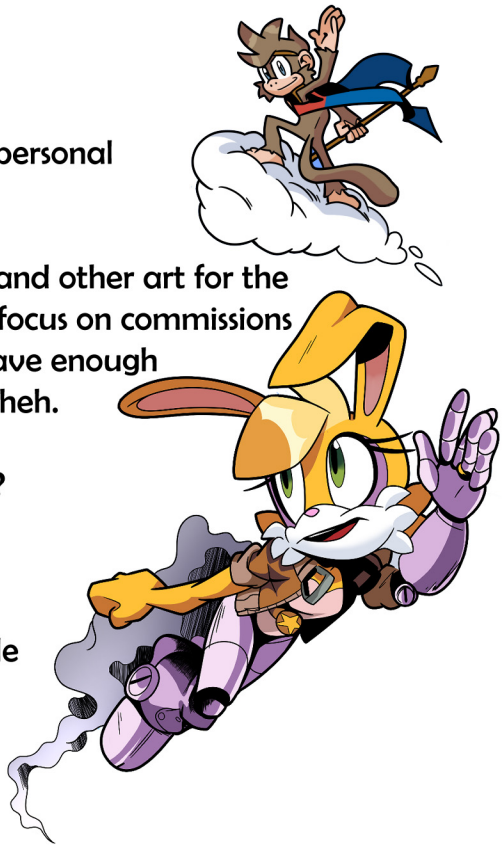
GX: What are you working on now? Any personal projects?

Darii: I'm currently making backgrounds and other art for the "Sons of Mobius" fan project. But mostly I focus on commissions and fan-art. Maybe someday I'll finally have enough of my strength to create my own project, heh.

GX: Any final words you have for readers?

Darii: Enjoy reading!

You can find Darii on twitter at the handle @EarlDarii



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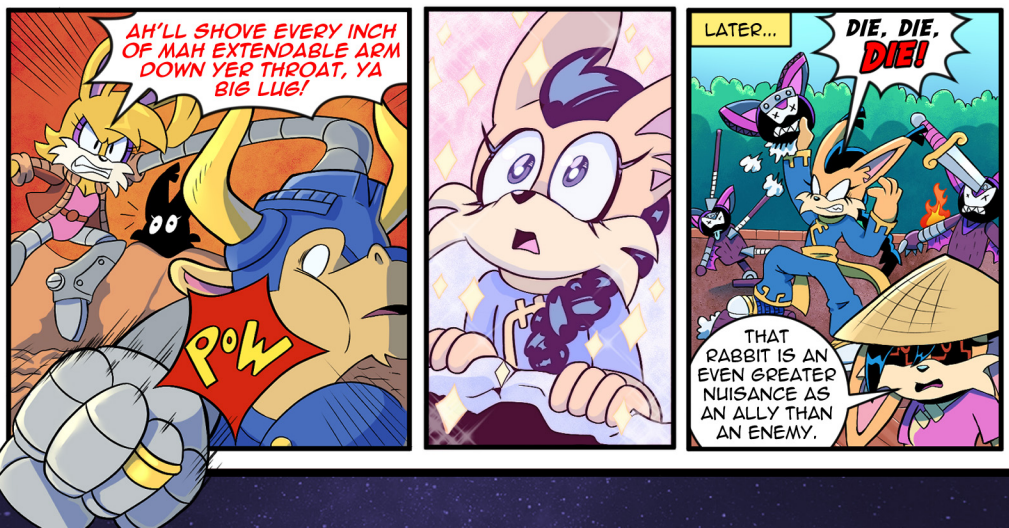
AH'LL SHOVE EVERY INCH OF MAH EXTENDABLE ARM DOWN YER THROAT, YA BIG LUG!
POW
LATER...
DIE, DIE, DIE!
THAT RABBIT IS AN EVEN GREATER NUISANCE AS AN ALLY THAN AN ENEMY.

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SONIC-GRAMS

Hope you all enjoyed reading Bunnie's story as much as we enjoyed making it! But we're not quite done yet, it's time to dig into some Sonic-Grams!

To Sonic-Online Grams, thank you for making those awesome comics, I enjoy them a lot. When I heard that Sega discontinued Archie sonic I was sad, but then when I stumbled across your comic. I was happy again I just want to say thank you for making these awesome comics and I hope you continue to make more of these in the future.
PS: Will we see scourge and Fiona Fox appear in your comics again?
- John

Thanks for the kind words John! We're happy we can fill the void left by Archie Sonic's end, and we intend to continue for a long time to come! As for your question about Scourge and Fiona... we encourage you to stay peeled for the next issue of Sonic Universe Online. #knowingsmile

Hey Sonic-grams!
I'm Mike, I'm from China, and I'm here because there's something important I need to talk to you about.

Cool to hear from you Mike! Lay it on us.

I'm an Sonic Fan and as well as others, like MAD, Garfield, Usagi Yojimbo, and more, and I spotted an Usagi cameo in Sonic Universe Online#50, and twice a time of Waldo-like Characters spotted in Sonic Online#250 and Sonic Universe Online #50. So since Mike Gallagher also worked at MAD Magazine, can we see a funny Spy vs Spy cameo for tributing the MAD Magazine itself and its feature Spy vs Spy artists and writers such as Peter Kuper, Duck Edwing, Bob Clarke and more! And of course since Issue 51 of SU Online was released, when do we see you guys release 52?! And when's the time date for releasing you ask?!
- MAD-ly, Mike

Glad to hear you enjoyed our cameos! The artists at ASO enjoy including neat stuff like those for our readers! While we can't promise any specific cameos, the suprise is half the fun! And good news, not only has Sonic Universe Online #52 come out, but you've just finished reading Sonic Universe Online #53! Woo!

To Sonic-Grams: Given Silver's experience in the Light Mobius universe, what are the chances that he might somehow accidentally slip up and cause some relationships that he has seen to also happen in the Prime Zone? For example, what if Silver somehow unknowingly causes Tails and Mina to start a relationship based on his own personal assumption that it's been already happening in the present?
- Anon

If we had a Mobium for every time we've been asked a Tails and Mina question! While of Silver being an unintended matchmaker would be fun, he has to make sure everyone will still be alive in the future before they can think about hooking up. But if he does get the chance to play Cupid, he likely won't be impacting others love lives in the present. Tails and Mina may be a loving couple in Light Mobius, but that may not be the path they take in the Prime Zone's true future. They've both got their whole lives ahead of them, so best to live in the now with them!

That finishes this issue, but we'll be back here next time for Sonic Universe #54, and the start of a brand new arc! Can't wait to see you there! Till then, remember to keep on juicin'!

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